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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 GLENN CARTER,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 JAY INSLEE, et al.,

12 Defendants.
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Case No. C16-1726-RSL-MAT

ORDER DECLINING TO SERVE
AMENDED COMPLAINT AND
GRANTING LEAVE TO AMEND

14 This is a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 prisoner civil rights action. Currently before the Court is
15 plaintiff Glenn Carter's 948-page amended complaint, which includes factual allegations and legal
16 claims against 22 defendants interspersed with exhibits. (Dkt. 51.) Plaintiff also has filed three
17 motions to correct errors in the filing of his amended complaint. (Dkts. 49, 50, 52.) Having
18 reviewed plaintiff's submissions, the Court finds and ORDERS:

19 (1) Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a) requires that a complaint contain a short and
20 plain statement of the grounds for jurisdiction, a *short and plain* statement of the claim showing
21 the pleader is entitled to relief, and a demand for the relief sought. Plaintiff's 948-page amended
22 complaint does not comply with this standard. Accordingly, the Court DECLINES to serve
23 plaintiff's amended complaint but GRANTS him leave to file a second amended complaint within

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1 **45 days** of the date this Order is signed. The amended complaint must carry the same case number
2 as this one. **If no amended complaint is timely filed or if plaintiff files an amended complaint**
3 **that does not comply with Rule 8(a) or correct the deficiencies identified in the original**
4 **complaint (see Dkt. 15), the Court may recommend that this action be dismissed under 28**
5 **U.S.C. § 1915A.**

6 Plaintiff is advised that an amended pleading operates as a *complete* substitute for an
7 original pleading. *See Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1262 (9th Cir. 1992). Any second
8 amended complaint should identify, in a simple, concise way, (1) what happened (ideally
9 explaining relevant events in chronological order), (2) how plaintiff was harmed, (3) who harmed
10 plaintiff (and is therefore a defendant), (4) the constitutional or federal statutory claims asserted,
11 and (5) the specific relief requested. Plaintiff should strive to be concise and omit all information
12 that is not relevant to the specific claims he is bringing here (i.e., references to claims he plans to
13 bring in different lawsuits). Plaintiff should omit complaints about the Court's previous orders.
14 Plaintiff may omit discussion of how he exhausted his legal remedies. **Plaintiff should not**
15 **include exhibits.**

16 (2) Because the Court declines to serve plaintiff's amended complaint, his motions to
17 correct errors in its filing (Dkts. 49, 50, and 52) are DENIED as moot.

18 (3) The Clerk is directed to send plaintiff the appropriate forms so that he may file a
19 second amended complaint, and to send copies of this order to plaintiff and to the Honorable
20 Robert S. Lasnik.

21 Dated this 10th day of August, 2017.

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Mary Alice Theiler
United States Magistrate Judge